Question Answer Relationships (QAR)

Question Answer Relationships (QAR) Teacher Development Academy is targeted for middle school and high school teams to engage in a research-based instructional strategy that provides a framework for making explicit the invisible processes underlying reading comprehension in order to improve reading achievement for all students.

The purposes of Question Answer Relationships (QAR) Teacher Development Academy are:

- to promote reading achievement at all levels for all students at middle and high school teams
- to build the state's capacity to support schools in providing a research-based instructional strategy that provides a framework for making explicit the invisible processes underlying reading comprehension in order to improve reading achievement for all students.

Question -Answer Relationships (QAR) is a strategy that engages students in the process of differentiating the types of questions students could ask of text. QAR provides a framework for organizing comprehension strategy instruction across all grade levels and in a variety of subject areas. Students learn to distinguish between types of questions. Teaching students Question-Answer Relationships (QAR) gives students the language for talking about the strategies they use to answer questions. It helps students develop an awareness of their own cognitive processes when answering questions. QAR helps all readers at all grade levels benefit from learning to think about information sources used for asking and answering questions.

To accomplish the goals stated above, the Department invited upper elementary and middle school teams to participate in QAR training and follow up professional development sessions throughout the school year.

2006-07 Training Dates

July 26-28, 2006 September 15, 2006 November 9, 2006 February 1, 2006

Participating Agencies

Maquoketa Valley CSD, Maquoketa Valley Middle School Woodward-Granger CSD, K-12 Corning CSD, Corning High School East Marshall CSD, K-12 Glenwood CSD, Glenwood Middle School Council Bluffs CSD, Abraham Lincoln High School Marshalltown CSD, Marshalltown High School Dubuque CSD, Dubuque Senior High School and Hempstead High School Des Moines Independent Schools, Hoover High School